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NOTE FOR USD/P

Please see the SECDEF's comment on the attached which reads,

" What is Saudi reaction to this? The TOW and MAVERICK will probably be opposed too - do we really de-fuse anything by the postponement of one item?"

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THROUGH: UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY 4 NOV 1983

SUBJECT: Advance Congressional notifications for Saudi Arabia
ACTION MEMORANDUM (U)

The following advance notifications for Saudi Arabia have been cleared by State for delivery to Congress on 14 November 1983, after completion of the second Continuing Resolution:

- 2,538 I-TOW missiles
- 1,600 AGM-65B MAVERICK missiles

Consensus at State is that advance notification of the 400 STINGER systems with 800 STINGER rounds should not be sent to Congress until after the first of the year. Their reasons are:

- Notifying STINGER along with the I-TOW and MAVERICK would overload the circuit with a potentially sensitive item.
- Indications are that supporters of Israel will oppose the STINGER sale.
- By notifying STINGER just before a long recess, the opposition would be given more time to get grass roots support for their opposition to this sale.

We agree with the State consensus of holding up advance notification of the STINGER sale until the second session of the 98th Congress.

*What is Saudi reaction to this?
Do you & Majors will probably be
opposed too - Do we really oppose anything
in the post-approval of I-TOW?*

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Concur with timing of notifications as indicated.

Move STINGER notification with I-TOW and MAVERICK.

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